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Title: Need to set up additional Cancer treatment centres in Assam.

SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS (KARIMGANJ): The number of cancer cases is increasing day by day in the state of Assam and it is the worst-affected state in the North East. Even though cancer cases are increasing at an alarming rate, the level of awareness is very low. About 90% patients come to the hospital at the last stage, when there is no chance of recovery. Shortage of cancer treatment facilities in the hospitals of my constituency has become a matter of serious concern. Hence many patients go to the hospitals in other parts of the country, spending huge amount of money. There is urgent need for increasing the number of cancer treatment centres, particularly in the rural areas. From Assam around 10,000 patients go to Mumbai, Vellore and Chennai every year for cancer treatment and 15 to 20 patients go daily to The TATA Memorial Hospital.

Under the circumstances I request the Union Government to come forward and set up additional treatment centres in Assam as well as in Hailakandi and Karimganj and to provide Mobile labs with latest instrument for early detection of cancer patients.